

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

E. K. McCulloch, brother of Mrs. H. L. Fox, accompanied by his son, Cecil, arrived here Saturday evening from Portland where they have been for the past two years. They were on their way to their former home near Alba, Mo., and continued their journey Monday morning. Mrs. McCulloch left for Missouri about two months ago.

Mrs. T. J. Logan arrived Friday from Corvallis and visited a few days with her sister, Mrs. Annie Jackson, before going on to Brogan. While on her way home she passed her husband who was on his way to Corvallis to visit with her. After a short stay at Brogan she will leave again for Corvallis where they recently purchased a home and where their children are attending college.

M. Bachman returned Friday from a visit to relatives at La Grande.

Murray Morton and wife of Olds Ferry are visiting relatives in Ontario this week.

Frank Davis and wife were here from Jordan Valley visiting relatives the past week.

Misses Lela Barche, Mildred Frost and Hazel Currey, students in the Ontario High school attended the Round-up at Welser Friday.

The members of the Methodist church Friday evening. A short literary and musical program was rendered and refreshments served by the Epworth League.

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**MEAL PRICES IN EAST HAY MEN'S SALVATION**

**Bureau of Markets Report Printed in Boise Has Encouraging Message for Idaho Hay Men—Applies Here Too.**

In a recent issue of the Bureau of Markets report printed by the Idaho Department of Agriculture with headquarters at Boise the following study of the hay situation was set forth, which, since it applies equally as well to Malheur county, is printed in full. The report says:

The latest crop summary issued by Julius H. Jacobson, Field Agents of the Department of Agriculture, shows a total of 2,163,000 tons of hay in Idaho, an increase over the 1919 crop of 413,000 tons. We presume that approximately 2,000,000 tons of this output is alfalfa and if it could be moved at \$15 per ton it would add \$30,000,000 to the wealth of the State of Idaho.

Owing to the manner in which the Federal Reserve Bank applied the emergency brake just as the Idaho crops were ready to move, we witnessed a serious decline in wool values and sheep and cattle, which in turn was followed by a serious stagnation in the movement of hay. Another disagreeable feature is in the rates which alfalfa hay must now sustain before reaching the eastern markets.

In 1918 the Missouri River rate was \$9.52 per ton. In 1919 the Interstate Commerce Commission granted them a rate of \$11.90 and again in 1920 they were granted a rate of \$15.00 a ton. Kansas City and Omaha are quoting hay at \$22 and \$23 per ton, baled and delivered. At \$22 per ton in Kansas City the Idaho farmer would just have sufficient returns to pay the freight and baling expenses.

Unfortunately, there is a small amount of weevil in Southern Idaho, but so far as we know, the fields are not infested sufficiently to notice the effect of any ravages from this pest. Nevertheless, it has been found in most of the counties in the southern part of the state, also in Malheur County, Oregon. This has resulted in a general quarantine against Idaho by all the neighboring states which, together with the sluggish market in the east, has developed in us, one of our leading industries, a problem of the first magnitude.

We think, however, there is no need to be discouraged. While baled alfalfa hay is being quoted at \$23 per ton in Kansas City and Omaha, alfalfa meal is quoted at \$35 and \$39. Chicago quotes alfalfa at \$30 and meal at \$38. Minneapolis quotes alfalfa at \$32.50 and meal at \$40 per ton. Boston, Baltimore and Atlanta quotes meal at \$45 and \$50 per ton.

We are informed that when the equipment is once installed, alfalfa can be ground into meal at practically the same cost that it requires to bale it. Taking Kansas City, then, as a basis for our calculation, we find the rate from the Boise district, which includes Caldwell to Bliss, to be \$14.90 per ton. While twenty tons is the minimum weight, meal can be loaded to capacity, which would reduce the number of cars required to move the product anywhere from one-half to two-thirds. Deducting the freight from the Kansas City quotation, it leaves the product at shipping point \$20.10 per ton on the lowest quotation we are able to obtain. This, of course, would have to stand the cost of manufacture and sacks, but even so it offers not only a solution to the present difficulties but the proposition carries with it alluring prospects for the future. It will not be many years until Idaho will produce four and five million tons of hay at the rate of increase of the past

few years and we see no reason why our state should not be the leading state in the Union for not only alfalfa meal, but the several leading clovers.

While we are bonding for all kinds of public improvement, it seems to us that in order to meet the great obligations which we are assuming it is high time the citizens join in an effort to conserve our great agricultural resources in order to meet these obligations. This is said without any thought of neglecting or abandoning feeding activities, as there will always be a surplus available to the stock men. It is our opinion, moreover, that when the various alfalfa products are manufactured at local mills it will have a tendency to increase stock feeding for the reason that these products can be fed without loss, at less expense and with a far greater profit than has been realized in the feeding of loose hay. From no point of view can we see objections to installing these mills, but, on the other hand, we can see an avenue of escape from the present discouraging conditions and every reason to hope for greater things in the future.

**UNITED PRESBYTERIAN**  
(W. F. Cochran, Pastor.)

10:00, Bible School.  
11:00, Worship, Sermon subject: "A text used in a three year's ministry."

7:30, Worship, Stereoptical views on "A Crusade of Compassion" or (Medical Missions.)

**BAPTIST CHURCH**

Bible School, 10:00 A. M.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M.  
Young Peoples Service, 6:30 P. M.  
Gospel Service, 7:30 P. M.  
Prayer Service, Wednesday 7:30 P. M.

Rev. W. F. Hartley of Boise will preach.

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